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SUBJECT: POLITICAL ASPECTS OF VISIT OF JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER  
TO AUSTRALIA

1. SUMMARY: VISIT TO AUSTRALIA BY JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER  
TANAKA HAS FOCUSSED LARGELY ON ECONOMIC MATTERS (SEE SEPTTEL).  
MEETINGS BETWEEN TANJJA AND AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM  
HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY BRIEF AND HAVE BEEN VERY GENERAL IN NATURE.  
AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN CANBERRA NOV. 2 TANAKA SAID, IN REPLY TO  
QUESTION, THAT G.O.J. WOULD RATIFY NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION  
TREATY. HOWEVER, AUSTRALIAN DEPT. OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CONSIDERS  
THERE IS NOTHING NEW TO THIS COMMENT AND DOES NOT RPT NOT  
ANTICIPATE RAPID JAPANESE RATIFICATION OF NPT. END SUMMARY.

2. VISIT BY PRIME MINISTER TANAKA TO AUSTRALIA OCT 31 - NOV 6  
HAS FOCUSSED MAINLY ON ECONOMIC MATTERS (SEE SEPTTEL). AUSTRALIAN  
DEPT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISES US THAT MEETINGS BETWEEN PRIME  
MINISTER TANAKA AND PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM IN CANBERRA TOTALLED  
ONLY ABOUT ONE HOUR AFTER ALLOWING TIME FOR TRANSLATIONS AND  
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WERE NOT MORE SPECIFIC THAN GENERAL LANGUAGE OF JOINT PRESS

STATEMENT ON VISIT ISSUED NOV 2. (TEXT BEING POUCHED).

3. JOINT PRESS STATEMENT CONSISTS OF 22 PARAS, ONLY NINE OF WHICH CONCERN POLITICAL MATTERS. FIVE OF THE NINE PARAS CONTAIN LARGELY GENERALITIES, INCLUDING SUPPORT FOR CONTINUED IMPROVEMENTS IN BILATERAL JAPANESE-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS, SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLES OF UN CHARTER AND FOR RULE OF LAW IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE REGIONAL COOPERATION IN ASIAN-PACIFIC REGION (DETAILS NOT SPECIFIED). PRIME MINISTERS URGED FULL ESTABLISHMENT OF PEACE IN INDO-CHINA AND FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF PARIS ACCORDS ON VIET-NAM, WHILE DEPLORING CONTINUED HOSTILITIES IN CAMBODIA AND URGING NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. THEY UNDERLINED IMPORTANCE OF PRESERVATION OF PEACE IN KOREAN PENINSULA AND HOPE THAT SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE WOULD LEAD TO REDUCTION OF TENSIONS IN THAT AREA. THEY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT INDIAN OCEAN WOULD BE A ZONE OF PEACE.

4. ON NUCLEAR TESTING PRIME MINISTERS EXPRESSED CONCERN, IN JOINT PRESS STATEMENT, "AT THE EFFECT WHICH RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD WERE HAVING ON THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME. THE PRIME MINISTERS CONFIRMED THE DETERMINATION OF THEIR GOVERNMENTS NOT TO BECOME NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES....THEY AGREED TO COOPERATE IN THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING THE EXISTING NON-PROLIFERATION REGIME AND BRINGING ABOUT A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN...."

5. AT PRESS CONFERENCE IN CANBERRA NOV 2 PRIME MINISTER TANAKA STATED THAT JAPAN WILL RATIFY THE NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. HE ADDED THAT GOJ ALREADY HAD MADE MAJOR POLICY DECISION TO RATIFY TREATY AND WAS NOW HOLDING IT UP ONLY FOR TALKS WITH INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY AGENCIES.

6. DURING VISIT AUSTRALIAN PRESS HAS REPORTED FAIRLY FULLY JAPANESE PRESS SPECULATION THAT TANAKA MAY NOT LAST LONG AS PRIME MINISTER ANBYHAS NOTED IN PARTICULAR LDP VICE-PRESIDENT SHIINA'S STATEMENT TO PRESS THAT TANAKA HAD ASKED SHIINA TO BE READY TO FORM NEW CABINET. NO EDITORIAL COMMENT ON THIS MATTER IN AUSTRALIAN PRESS.

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7. COMMENT: IN REVIEWING TANAKA VISIT WITH EMBOFFS NOV 5 DFA (GEOFFREY BRADY, ASST SECRETARY, NORTH ASIA BRANCH) COMMENTED THAT TANAKA STATEMENT THAT JAPAN WOULD RATIFY NPT WAS NOT REALLY NEW AND OVAT GOA DID NOT ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE TO IT. KEY ISSUE IS TANAKAREFERENCE TO TALKS WITH INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY AGENCIES. JAPANESE CONCERN, ACCORDING TO BRADY, IS WITH POSSIBILITY OF LEAKAGE OF JAPANESE HHCHNOLOGY THROUGH INTER-

NATIONAL INSPECTION PROCEDURES. BRADY DID NOT, IN ANY CASE,  
ANTICIPATE RAPID JAPANESE ACTION  
ON RATIFICATION OF NPT.  
ON FUTURE OF TANAKA AS PRIME MINISTER, BRADY TERMED HIS POSITION  
"WEAK" BUT DID NOT DRAW ANY FURTHER CONCLUSIONS.  
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